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WEST NILE VIRUS

There have been several reports of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus and information on receding and stagnant pools providing prime mosquito-breeding grounds. This provides increased validation that West Niles Virus is now epidemic in Los Angeles County, and we must be particularly vigilant to prevent human cases of the virus this summer.

Though the Departments of Public Health and Public Works have been educating the community on methods to combat West Nile Virus, more proactive measures must be taken. It is integral that West Nile control is achieved through mosquito control by elimination of mosquito breeding sites, larviciding active breeding areas, and education on West Nile Virus prevention.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Direct the Directors of Public Health and Public Works to work with Vector Control to investigate and clear open water ways that harbor mosquito breeding.
- 2. Direct the Director of Public Health to fully implement the planned West Nile Virus awareness and surveillance program by working cooperatively with the Mosquito Vector Control Districts, the State and the Centers for Disease Control, and to report back to the Board in 14 days on any federal, state or local regulations which prohibit harborage of mosquitoes in open water ways and canals.

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